

Request for Information (RFI)
88306
Inmate Passenger Buses

- I. The Purpose of this RFI is to acquire information on available standard and additional security and safety options for building and supplying Passenger Buses to be used by The State of Connecticut, Department of Correction for transportation of its inmate population with a capacity of 15 to 35 passengers.

II. Information Requested

Specific information to submit with a response shall include:

- A. Vendor/Contractor name and contact information, including email address and phone number;
- B. Description of the organization;
- C. Description of available standard and additional security and safety options for Passenger Buses used to transport an inmate population. Also include a response to each of the following:
 - i. Provide a description and specifications for each available front mounted diesel engines having a minimum of 300 hp;
 - ii. Describe available options for mountings a wheel chair accessible lift and provide related specifications;
 - iii. Provide a floor plan for the entire bus and describe how segregation units limited to two or four inmates per unit are configured and how various, removable caging configurations can be created;
 - iv. Show placement of belly cargo compartments on the floor plans provided above.
 - v. Provide a description and specifications for available double wide, molded, washable seats;
 - vi. Provide a description and specifications for available manufacturer installed video and audio systems;
 - vii. Provide a copy of the Standard warranty for the engine and transmission and provide a copy of available Extended warranties and associated pricing;
 - viii. Provide a list of service centers within a 25 mile radius of Hartford, CT;

- ix. Provide available options for floor washout ports for easy cleaning;
- x. Provide information and specifications for the features required below;
 - a. Airbrakes
 - b. Air ride suspension front and rear
 - c. Three (3) rooftop air conditioning units providing a/c in the front, mid-section and back of buses with dedicated alternators
 - d. Fuel fired auxiliary heater

The Department of Correction (DOC) will not be liable for any costs incurred by any vendor pertaining to the preparation and submittal of any written responses or for participation in a demonstration in response to this RFI.

All materials submitted by a vendor shall become the property of DOC and may be returned to the vendor at the sole discretion of DOC.

DOC has the right to adopt, modify, or reject any or all ideas presented in any material submitted in response to the RFI. To request that materials be protected under State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, the respondent shall clearly identifying, by page number, line, or other appropriate designation, the specific proprietary and/or trade secret information requested to be protected from disclosure and the specific reason why such information should not be disclosed. Vague, non-specific, summary allegations that material is proprietary or trade-secret are inadequate and shall not result in protection from disclosure.

IV. Questions

All questions related to this RFI must be addressed by e-mailed to Doris.Carilli@po.state.ct.us. Questions must be submitted by December 8, 2011. Answers to all questions shall be posted on the DOC website and the Department of Administrative Services contracting portal website no later than December 16, 2011.

V. Responses and Due Date

DOC may issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) using information from submissions to this RFI. Responders to this RFI will not be precluded from responding to a future RFP, if any.

A team of Central Transportation and Purchasing staff shall review the responses. Please note that DOC may contact vendors for clarification or questions regarding their response.

DOC may contact vendors to schedule demonstrations after responses are reviewed by staff.

Responses to this RFI are due December 28, 2011 by 2:00 PM.